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In re Application of:  
**Scott R. Hinson**

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**AMENDMENT A UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated April 21, 2003, having a shortened statutory period set to expire July 21, 2003. Applicants hereby request a one-month extension of time to respond to the Examiner's Action. A check in the amount of \$110.00 is enclosed to cover the extension fee due under 37. C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1). Please charge any other fees necessary to further the prosecution of this application to **Bracewell & Patterson, L.L.P. Deposit Account No. 50-0259.**

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### **INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated April 21, 2003, having a shortened statutory period set to expire July 21, 2003. Claims 1-34 are pending. Applicants have amended the specification. No new matter has been added by these amendments.